

A MODEL OF COMMUNITY SERVICE
FROM SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 31, 2000

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend a resident of the Seventh Congressional District of Missouri who can teach all of us something about commitment. Jerry L. Summers Sr. has touched his community in Aurora, Missouri. His philanthropy and vision have given new and expanded opportunities to his community to grow and develop services and facilities that have benefited kids, the environment and the city's business climate.

Jerry Sumner's full time job is running Service Vending Company, a multi-state enterprise with 50 employees. The firm specializes in the sale of gumballs, treats and toys from coin-operated dispensers found in most supermarkets and convenience stores. The company that earns two-bits a sale, has given Jerry the ability to be a civic dynamo—a role he takes very seriously. He may be Aurora, Missouri's greatest cheerleader. Jerry Summers has unselfishly given his time, energy and support to his community.

Jerry's approach to business and life is simple and direct. "Be organized, do things the same way all the time; get the facts; don't tell me the problem, give me the solution."

Jerry, an avid pilot, understood the need for expanding the city's airport. In 1999 he donated \$100,000 to the Aurora Airport to extend the present runway. That same year he provided a major gift to build a concession stand at Aurora's Baldwin Park with an additional gift to add dressing rooms for the baseball players to be completed by 2002.

Between 1990 and 1998, it was Jerry Summers who contributed at least \$180,000 to expand the Little League program from one baseball field to four. Jerry Summers annually sponsors various baseball, basketball, softball and soccer squads. Jerry has given significant donations to the Aurora Main Street program to modernize the look of the business community and was a major supporter of the city's Christmas lights project. Jerry Summers has sponsored the annual Applefest pageant in Marionville the last two years and is a leading sponsor in the annual 4th of July fireworks in Aurora.

When a local youth sports team wants to compete on the road, Jerry makes sure they have the resources to go. He also contributed to the new band building at Southwest Missouri State University and to improvements at the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield near Springfield.

Jerry's company has prospered in the small town setting. His family of four sons and two daughters have gone to school and grown up in Aurora. Jerry and wife, Theresa, are both active in the community and live on a 300 acre farm where they raise cattle.

In short, if it has something to do with improving the community of Aurora or adding to the quality of life, chances are that Jerry Summers has taken an active role in it. He has earned the title of "community leader."

Saturday, January 29, the Aurora Chamber of Commerce gave Jerry L. Summers Sr. their

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highest honor—"The Community Service Award"—in recognition of his contributions to improve the community. Jerry, who turned 65 on January 27, has no plans to either slow down or end his commitment to the betterment of his community.

I know my colleagues in the House join with me in honoring him for his dedication and his commitment to his community, neighbors and his friends.

HONORING DAVID BRYCEON PALO

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask that we all pause for a moment to remember a man that many knew and loved, David Bryceon Palo. Sadly, Mr. Palo died on November 15, 1999.

Mr. Palo was born on November 9, 1930, to Andrew and Janet Lucile Walsh Palo in Great Falls, MT. He attended the University of Colorado on a NROTC Scholarship and was then commissioned into the U.S. Navy. He served as a line officer aboard the carrier USS *Rendova* and also served aboard the USS *Firm*. After his service in the Navy, Mr. Palo returned to the University of Colorado to attend law school. Mr. Palo worked with the law firm of Adams, Heckman, Traylor & Ela before starting one of his own in Grand Junction.

After retirement, Mr. Palo served on many boards and committees in his community. He was a very active individual that cared a great deal about the betterment of his community.

Mr. Palo will be remembered as a great public servant, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and a committed Christian. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Palo, a son, daughter, granddaughter, and nieces and nephews. Like his family, we will all miss Mr. Palo's friendship and service.

IN RECOGNITION OF GEORGIA
O'BRIEN'S 30TH YEAR OF SERV-
ICE TO RESIDENTS OF MIN-
NESOTA'S FIFTH CONGRES-
SIONAL DISTRICT

HON. MARTIN OLAV SABO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize a member of my staff, Georgia O'Brien, as she marks her 30th year of service on behalf of the constituents of Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District.

Georgia O'Brien has served as a caseworker in my Congressional office in Minneapolis since I began my tenure as a United States Representative in 1979. Prior to joining my staff, Georgia served on the staff of my predecessor in the United States House of Representatives, the Honorable Don Fraser (D-MN), from 1970 to 1978.

Since the day she joined my staff—and, I am certain, during the years she spent serving

in the office of Congressman Fraser—Georgia has served as a tireless advocate on behalf of those residents of the Fifth Congressional District who have needed federal assistance in resolving a problem.

Georgia has proven herself an invaluable asset to my office through her countless hours of hard work, commitment to public service, and success in resolving problems for so many constituents. I am proud to count her as a member of my staff.

Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Georgia O'Brien for 30 years of thoughtful service to the citizens of Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District. I thank Georgia for the 21 years she has served on my staff, and I am confident that she will continue working hard to improve the lives of many more Minnesotans in the years to come.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES R. "JIM
BOB" WALLACE OF BELLAIRE, OH

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 31, 2000

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of James R. "Jim Bob" Wallace, who passed away on January 20, 2000. James was born on March 5, 1924 to Everett "Dick" and Jenny Irene Darnley Wallace.

Mr. Wallace, a veteran of World War II, was a member of American Legion Post 52, Disabled American Veterans Post 117 and VFW Post 626, of which he was past commander. But his service was not limited to the military, James went out of his way to be an active member of his community as well. He was a member of Neffs United Methodist Church, the Fraternal Order of Eagles 456, the Order of Elks 419, the Sons of Italy 754 and served as the past president of the Timberwolf Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me to pay my last respects to a man who gave so much of himself to his country, his community and his family. James will be missed by all whose lives he touched. I am honored to have represented him and proud to call him a constituent.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING LAKE CITY
ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT EM-
PLOYEE DALE T. POLLARD

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that a long and exceptionally distinguished civil service career has come to an end. Mr. Dale T. Pollard, of my hometown of Lexington, Missouri, recently retired after 58 years of extraordinary service to the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant.

Mr. Pollard's career began nearly 60 years ago as an Assistant Chief Factory Clerk at Remington Arms Company, Incorporated. He willingly left the ammunition plant to enlist in